

BERNARDO SANTA FE

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

...SEPTEMBER 2012...

ANNUAL LOCATION REMINDER



Please make note of the annual meeting location: Oakmont of Escondido Hills, 3012 Bear Valley Parkway, Escondido.

Please save the date: **Tuesday, September 25, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.**

PAINTING, REPAIRS & LANDSCAPING



The Board has been keeping up with the maintenance of the community and ResCom has been contracted to repair and repaint the stucco walls on at the Del Lago entrance. The pedestrian gate was also part of the repairs as it was rusting at the bottom of the gate. Tree trimming and removals have also been done and continue throughout the year as well as minor irrigation repairs throughout the community. And don't forget paying the water bill each month to keep our trees and slopes looking green and beautiful!

GONE TO THE DOGS



Please be sure to keep your dogs on a secure leash when walking in the community for everyone's safety, not to mention that it's actually the law! Also, please be courteous to your neighbors and always pick up after your dog when walking in the community, even if no one is watching. Please be a responsible pet owner and don't leave your dog's droppings on the Association's property or anyone else's for that matter.

In addition, please do not allow your dog to urinate on other people's grass, as it can damage the lawn (especially female dog urine) and starts a cycle of all dogs wanting to mark their territory. Thank you for your help in keeping the community safe and clean.

What to Know Before Hiring a Pest Control Service

Good research before applying any chemicals on your property may protect you, your loved ones, your pets and your neighbors from possible illnesses. Remember that pesticides come in the form of herbicides, insecticides and fungicides.

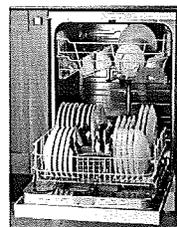
- ❖ Check to ensure the company has the required licenses, registration certificates and insurance.

Pest control companies must operate with a state license issued by the California State Structural Pest Control Board, well as being registered in the county where they provide pest control services.

To verify licensing, check out:
<http://www.pestboard.ca.gov>

- ❖ Obtain a copy of the Material Safety Data Sheet to see what substance the service provider proposes to use, even if they are non-toxic.

GE DISHWASHER RECALL



A homeowner called in to report a recall on GE dishwashers and wanted to share his experience with all of you. There was an issue with the coils over heating, which is a safety and fire hazard. The homeowner contacted the GE hotline for assistance. GE has offered repairs or money towards a new dish washer. If you have any issues with your GE dishwasher, you can contact the hotline at (866)918-8760 or look up your model online to see if there is a recall.

http://www.geappliances.com/products/recall/dishwasher_2012/

Important City Numbers

Escondido Police Department

Non-Emergency
(760) 839-4722

City Code Enforcement Division

(760) 839-4650

Graffiti Hotline

(760) 839-4633

Animal Control

(760) 888-2275

Dogs in Parked Cars – A Very Bad Idea!



Every year many dogs die or are severely injured after being intentionally locked inside cars while their owners shop or run other errands. When it is 72°F outside, the temperature inside a car, even with win-

dows cracked, can rocket to 116°F within an hour. When it is 85°F outside, the temperature inside a car will soar to 102°F in 10 minutes and 120°F in 30 minutes.

Dogs can withstand a body temperature of 107°F to 108°F for only a very short period of time before suffering organ failure, brain and nerve damage – or even death. A fan, water, ice and a thermometer **are not solutions** and **do not relieve a dog from the heat** inside a warm or hot parked car. Remember dogs need to breathe cool air - not warm air - in order to lower their body temperature.

The American Veterinary Medical Association warns that leaving a dog inside a parked car with the windows cracked, in the shade or even with the air conditioning running does not help to cool down a dog's temperature. When the air conditioner is left running in a parked car, the air from the air conditioner will become stagnant after about 5-10 minutes; consequently, the temperature inside the car will rise.

So, when temperatures heat up, remember to keep your dog at home where the dog will be safe.

Don't forget to vote in this year's National Elections scheduled for Tuesday, November 13, 2012. Make your voice is heard and your vote count!

WEBSITE



The Association's website address is www.bsfoa.org. Please visit the website if you need an application or if you have questions about a policy, etc.

Your Board of Directors

Dan Conner - President
Jerry Buck - Vice President
Jerry Potts - Secretary
Bill Key- Member-at-Large

Next Board Meeting

The next three meetings of the Board of Directors are as follows:

Tuesday, September 25, 2012 at 7:00 pm
(Annual meeting)

Tuesday, November 27, 2012 at 2:45 pm

The regular Board meetings will be held at the Escondido Library accepts the annual meeting, which will be held at the Oakmont of Escondido Hills.

If the meeting dates, time or location changes it will be reflected on the agenda and on the website for homeowners prior to the meeting.

All Homeowners are encouraged to attend!
We look forward to seeing you there!

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

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Bee Stings & Your Pet

Bee Stings 101: How to Help Your Pet¹

By Arden Moore

Dogs can be trained to fetch slippers and race through tunnels in agility classes, but it's next to impossible to teach them to stay clear of bees, wasps and hornets.

That's because dogs and cats investigate the world using their noses and paws — the two prime targets of insect stings.

We spoke to Dr. Arnold Plotnick, DVM, of Manhattan Cat Specialists in New York City, and Dr. Paul Richieri, DVM, owner of the Melrose Veterinary Hospital in California, about what you should do if your dog or cat does suffer an unfortunate sting — and how you can reduce the risk of a bite in your backyard.

How to Handle a Bee Sting

In most cases, there will be mild swelling and tenderness where the dog or cat was stung, usually on the face or paws, says Dr. Richieri, adding, "if it is swollen and a little puffy, it is a localized reaction to the sting."

To stop the venom from spreading, try to remove the stinger as quickly as possible.

"The stinger can pulsate venom into a dog or cat for up to two to three minutes after being separated from the bee," Dr. Plotnick explains. "Removal of the stinger should be done using a credit card to scrape it out. Do not try to squeeze the stinger out with your fingers or use tweezers because the venom sac may rupture, further exposing the pet to more venom."



Monitor your pet to make sure that the swelling does not increase or spread. And contact your veterinarian, who will most likely advise you to give your pet

Benadryl (diphenhydramine), an over-the-counter antihistamine. Your vet needs to instruct you on the correct dosage, based on your pet's weight. You also need to make sure that the product contains only diphenhydramine.

To reduce the swelling, apply a cold compress. You can run a washcloth under some cool tap water and then wrap it around or press it onto the site of the sting.

How to Know When Your Pet Needs Emergency Care

Some dogs and cats may be allergic to bee stings, and they can go into anaphylactic shock (and even die) if they don't receive immediate veterinary attention.

"If your dog gets stung by a bee and starts vomiting within five to 10 minutes and his gums become pale, that's when you know they are going into anaphylactic shock," Dr. Richieri says. "At our clinic, we see one or two dogs a week with severe reactions, and we treat them with IV fluids to prevent shock and give steroids and Benadryl injections into the bloodstream immediately. They normally need to stay at the clinic for 48 hours before we determine if they are healthy enough to go home."

How to Make Your Garden Less Attractive to Bees

Fruit, vegetable and flower gardens need the pollinating power of bees, but there are steps you can take to lessen the chance that your pet will have a painful encounter with one of these winged creatures.

For starters, you can cordon off plants that beckon bees with border fencing that will keep pets at a distance.

California-based master gardener Judy Macomber also recommends planting jasmine — the flowers bloom at night — and zinnias, which attract butterflies more than bees. Or consider crimson-hued roses — bees appear not to be as drawn to the color red.

"When walking your dog on a leash," Macomber adds, "try to keep him off ground cover with flowers because the chances are good that bees will be busy pollinating."

1. Certified Pet Tech first-aid instructor Arden Moore conducts hands-on pet first aid classes throughout the West Coast with the aid of her true teacher's pets -- her dog, Chipper and her cat, Zeki. To learn more, please visit www.petfirstaid4u.com.

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